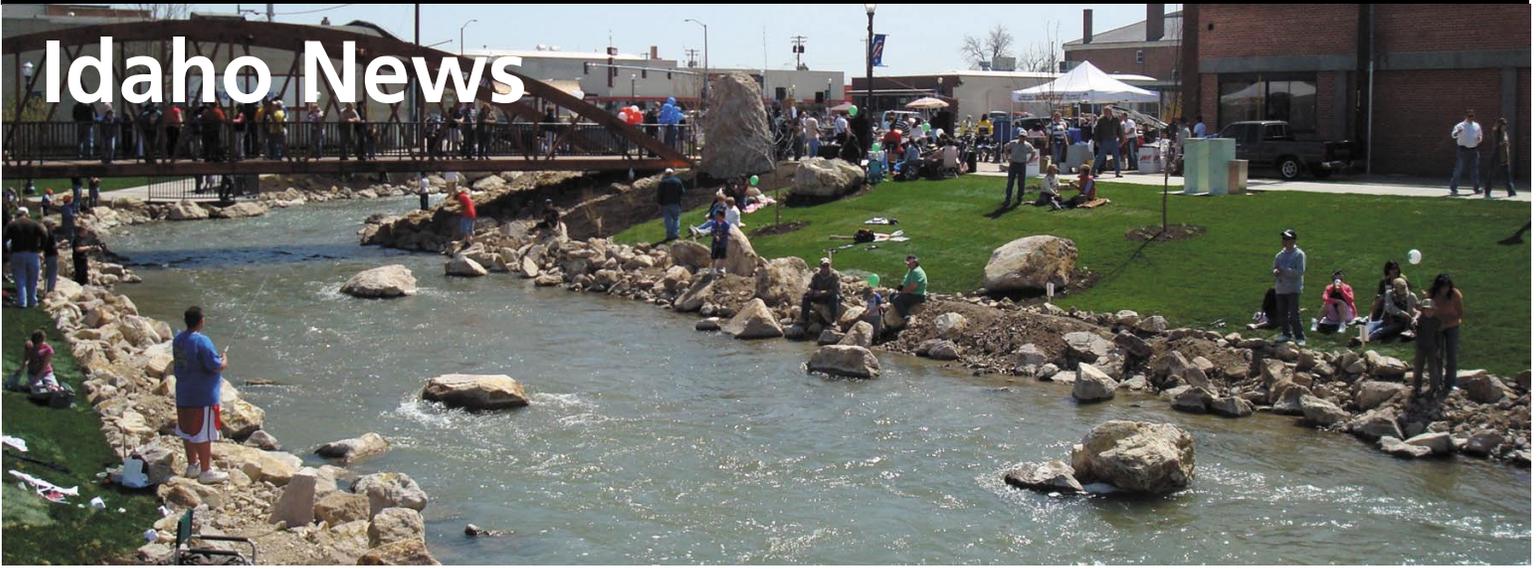


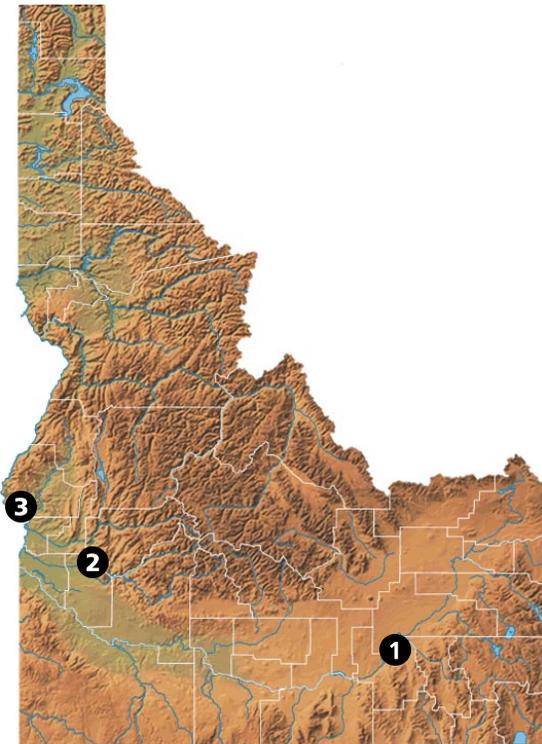


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Residents of Caldwell enjoy Indian Creek on the city's Annual Pride Day. Restoration of the creek improves its flood protection capacity by 50%, enhances water quality and fish habitat, and provides a city-center park and trail. Photo: Photo: Brayton Willis, Army Corps of Engineers

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2008



### CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. Aberdeen Gem Trail**  
Aberdeen Gem Group
- 2. Boise River Trails**  
Boise River Trails Coalition
- 3. Weiser River Trail**  
Friends of the Weiser River Trail

Find out more about each project starting on page 2.

## Recent Successes

### Underground Creek Sees Light of Day

Caldwell's Indian Creek was recently "daylighted" from a 1930s pipeline running underneath the city. The once deserted downtown is again a magnet for residents and visitors who now enjoy a stroll along the creek. The \$9 million restoration has sparked

*"Wow! Some people said this was impossible, but in just seven years we went from a vision to a bright, open creek ..."*

- Mayor Garrette Nancolas

downtown revitalization, winning commitments of \$30 million from public/private partnerships.

In partnership with Caldwell, the Army Corps of Engineers and the American Society of Landscape Architects, RTCA spearheaded public participation and facilitated a community workshop on creek restoration and community trails. RTCA artists-in-residence were critical in engaging youth in the project.

### Latah Trail Nears the Finish Line

The Latah Trail Foundation had a clear vision for a 12-mile trail on an old railroad grade from Moscow to Troy. RTCA helped project partner work with University of Idaho graphic design, landscape architect and engineering students to create a trail logo and sketches to show what the trail might look like. Outreach efforts resulted in acquiring the entire trail and raising over \$750,000. Today the popular trail is enjoyed year-long, and the final one-mile section of asphalt will be paved in summer '08.

## We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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## THE RTCA PROGRAM

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# Current Projects



The Aberdeen Daze Booth included bi-lingual outreach information and events, resulting in an expanded community trail system. Photo: Aberdeen Gem Group

## 1. Aberdeen Gem Trail

Lead Partner: Aberdeen Gem Group

Aberdeen, a rural town surrounded by some of the most productive potato farms in the country, has few sidewalks and trails. Project partners are developing a trail network to connect the city center, parks, golf course, schools and neighborhoods, with the regional recreation area on the American Reservoir. The result will be improved routes for walking and bicycling, including an official "safe route" to schools and a practice course for cross-country and track teams.

RTCA helped partners develop a concept, engage the community through bi-lingual outreach, and counseled on integration of the new trail plan in the city's updated transportation plan.

## 2. Boise River Trails

Lead Partner: Boise River Trails Coalition

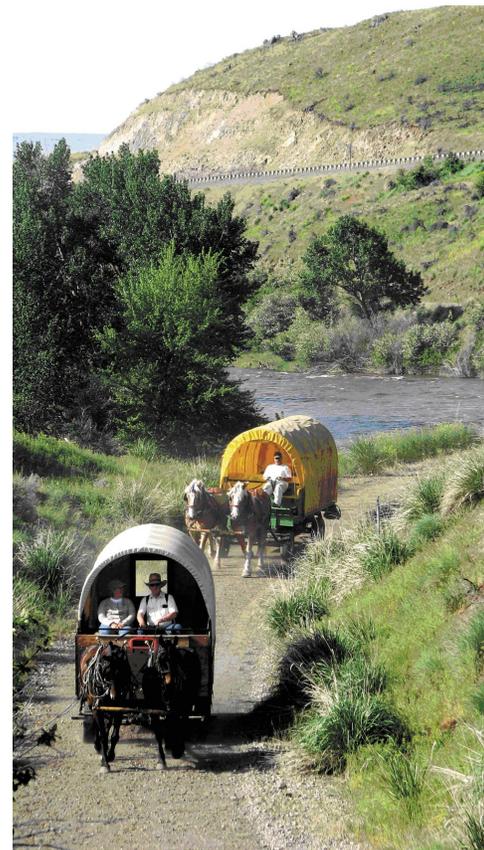
Project partners envision a connected system of pathways near the Boise River from Lucky Peak Dam to the Snake River that will link to Treasure

Valley communities and promote economic development. RTCA is helping pathway partners plan routes for bike, pedestrian, equestrian, and water trails.

## 3. Weiser River Trail

Lead Partner: Friends of the Weiser River Trail

The nationally acclaimed, 85-mile Weiser River Trail, is a rail-trail built and maintained for 10 years by the non-profit Friends Group. Project partners are now starting a second phase, with RTCA assistance, to capitalize on the trail's potential to support recreation, non-motorized transportation, community wellness and the economic vitality of towns along the route.



Wagons and outriders come to the Weiser River Trail for the annual wagon train, which starts in Weiser on Saturday and finishes in Council on Tuesday. Photo: Photo: Friends of the Weiser River Trail